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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 533

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A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Richard E. Lacey of
Memphis.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Richard E. Lacey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lacey was an exemplary public servant who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lacey served with acumen and alacrity for many years as teacher and basketball coach with the Memphis City School System; while he nurtured and guided his students, he also earned their respect, and that of his peers, for the exemplary quality of his work and his unswerving dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lacey was an exceptional teacher who distinguished himself, in all his endeavors, as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; during his illustrious career he positively influenced many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lacey was an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lacey truly served as an inspiration to his colleagues and students, and his friendship and counsel were highly valued by those who were fortunate to know him; his distinguished career represents all that is good and noble in education; and

WHEREAS, He had also formerly served as a Probation Officer for the Shelby County Juvenile Court System and as an employee of the Memphis Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, A gentleman who realized that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Mr. Lacey was active in his community as a valuable member of Alpha Phi Alpha and the Memphis Chapter of the PUSH Organization, and he served astutely as a Mentor for Big Brothers of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, He held a Master's degree from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lacey was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lacey is survived by his loving wife, Patricia B. Lacey; his children, Rosalind E. Fason and Patrick B. Lacey; his mother, Jessie Lacey; four siblings, Delrey Lacey, Beverly L. Lacey, Charles E. Lacey and Kevin D. Lacey; and two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Richard E. Lacey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, educator and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Richard E. Lacey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his sterling career as an educator, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Richard E. Lacey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.